REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending.

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 4, 2009, the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 21, 2006 are represented herein to properly show the changes to claims 2 and 3.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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